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s a cultural crossroads of the ancient world, Sicily — strategically situated between Europe and Africa — abounds with enchanting natural beauty, impressive manmade creations seemingly untouched by time, fascinating culture and a vast history spanning 3,000 years. Today, travelers are struck by the awe-inspiring artifacts and structures left behind by legendary civilizations and the sun-dappled beauty of one of the world's most captivating islands.



Segesta

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Explore the temples of ancient **Agrigento**, “the most beautiful city built by mortal men.”
- ▶ Sample olive oil when you **visit an olive farm**.
- ▶ Witness **Taormina’s** remarkably preserved **ancient Greek theater**.
- ▶ Savor regional delights, including an authentic pizza after a **cooking demonstration**.
- ▶ Discover the charming towns of **Segesta** and **Cefalù**.
- ▶ Visit the natural port and renowned ruins of **Syracuse**.



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- **Carefully selected hotels** with comfortable accommodations are perfect for exploring the region’s renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyle.
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
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- **Meet the People** opportunities allow you to interact with local residents and gain personal insight into their everyday lives.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful educational lectures.
- **An experienced Travel Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.

Dear UW Alumni and Friends,

Discover time-honored Sicily — renowned for its beauty, sun-bleached Greek temples and heralded Roman ruins — a cultural crossroads in the stunning Mediterranean Sea.

Spend four nights each in Palermo and Taormina, providing opportunities to explore the whole of Sicily. Your itinerary has been meticulously planned by travel experts to include special cultural experiences, behind-the-scenes excursions and preferred access to popular attractions.

Our unique Alumni Campus Abroad program takes your adventure a step further with a lecture series featuring expert local speakers and exclusive opportunities to Meet the People.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. You will enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with friends old and new and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

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Dr. Kenneth P. Sebens is Professor in the Department of Biology and School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington. He is currently resident at the UW's Friday Harbor Laboratories (since 2005) and was Director of FHL from 2005 to 2013 and Dennis Willows Director's Endowed Professor (2011-2013). Dr. Sebens received his BA from the University of Connecticut in 1972 and his PhD from the University of Washington in 1977. During 1977-2005 he held faculty positions at Harvard University, Northeastern University, and the University of Maryland College Park, and was Dean at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and Director of Northeastern's Marine Science Center. He conducts research on marine subtidal benthic populations and communities in both temperate and tropical locations. Dr. Sebens has published widely on marine biological and ecological topics and has mentored 32 graduate students at four universities since 1978, many of whom now have careers as university faculty and research scientists. Ongoing projects include investigations of community and population dynamics, and long-term change, in rocky subtidal habitats in Massachusetts, Washington State, and in the Mediterranean Sea. He has worked and travelled extensively in Italy, France, and Spain.

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AgriENTO





Cathedral, Palermo

Begin in Palermo and visit the cathedral and the city's market. See Il Duomo and medieval castles in Erice, then tour a family-owned olive farm and enjoy a tasting. Continue to scenic Segesta to witness its unfinished temple. Visit a 12th-century cathedral in Cefalù, then marvel at the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento. From Taormina, celebrated for its stunning views and ancient Greek theater, journey to discover the ancient ruins of Syracuse.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart for Palermo, Italy.†
 † Provided for AHI FlexAir passengers.

DAY TWO

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PALERMO, SICILY, ITALY

Upon arrival, transfer† and check in to the Mercure Palermo Excelsior.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

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PALERMO | MONREALE

Educational Focus: Sicily, a Country within a Country. Discuss how multinational exposure has influenced Sicily.

Excursion: Palermo, the Sicilian Capital.

Visit Palermo's Cathedral, a harmonious blend of Gothic, Moorish and Norman architecture; Palatine Chapel in the Norman Palace; and the Islamic-influenced domes of St. John of the Hermits, a 12th-century Norman church. Continue to the market, offering fresh produce and fish.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.

Excursion: The Mosaics of Monreale.

In Monreale, explore the Santa Maria la Nuova, a famous cathedral known for its splendid display of mosaics, and admire breathtaking views of the Conca d'Oro Valley from its towers.

UNESCO

The **Archaeological Area of Agrigento, Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Churches of Cefalù and Monreale, Villa Romana del Casale** and ancient **Syracuse** are the UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program.

DAY FOUR

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ERICE | SEGESTA

Excursion: Elymian Erice. Discover one of Sicily's most advanced centers of Elymian civilization. On the island's northwestern coast, Erice is known for its Phoenician walls and two castles. See the Norman Duomo, a Romanesque masterpiece.

Cultural Event: Meet the People. Sample Sicilian delights at a family-owned olive farm. Then, take a guided tour of the facility and grounds and enjoy a tasting.

Excursion: Segesta. Situated in Segesta's pristine countryside is a spectacular Doric temple, the grandest and best preserved of all of Sicily's Hellenistic monuments. This site is also home to an impressive theater carved into the rock of Mount Barbaro.

Educational Focus: Mafia Past and Present. In Sicily, they call it Cosa Nostra. Examine the legacy of these groups and their effect on Sicilian society.

DAY FIVE

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PALERMO | CEFALÙ

Excursion: Cefalù. This pretty fishing village is anchored between the Tyrrhenian Sea and a limestone promontory. Its highlights include a 12th-century Romanesque cathedral regarded as one of the greatest churches in southern Europe.

Independent Exploration: This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure.



Local Flavor: Savor local specialties during dinner at a Palermo restaurant.

DAY SIX

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PALERMO | AGRIGENTO | TAORMINA

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Taormina.

Excursion: Ancient Greek Temples.

Explore Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, one of Western Europe's most impressive classical sites. See the Temple of Hercules, the Doric Temple of Concord and the unfinished Temple of Juno.

Local Flavor: Savor regional specialties during lunch in Agrigento.

Excursion: Roman Mosaics. Visit Piazza Armerina and marvel at the Roman mosaics found in the Villa Romana del Casale, a fourth-century residence that boasts more than 35,000 square feet of mosaics on its floors and walls.

Upon arrival in Taormina, check in to the Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace.



Sicily and Its Many Cultures

The island of Sicily was once considered the jewel of the Western world. Three indigenous groups were living on the island when the Greeks arrived in the eighth century B.C.

The Greeks ushered in an era of prosperity and intellectual progress, building great temples, crafting fine coins and perfecting the art of public speaking. Five centuries later, Syracuse was the most populous of all Greek cities. The Roman Republic later acquired the island. The Romans built roads and sprawling noble estates. An Arab invasion brought advanced agricultural practices, citrus fruits and other new crops, as well as beautiful mosques and gardens. In 1061, the Normans conquered Sicily. Embracing many aspects of Arab life, they sought Arab craftsmen to construct eclectic Arab-Norman palaces.

Eventually, the kingdom passed to other masters, including the Germans, French and Spanish. In 1860, Giuseppe Garibaldi freed Sicily from Spanish rule, paving the way for unification with Italy.

DAY SEVEN

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TAORMINA

Educational Focus: Art & Architecture in Sicily. Learn about the archaeological riches found in Sicily's Grecian temples, Roman bridges and Norman castles.

Excursion: Taormina. Explore Taormina, situated high atop Monte Tauro on the

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Four nights** in Palermo, Italy, at the first-class **Mercure Palermo Excelsior**.
- **Four nights** in Taormina at the deluxe **Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace**.

Meals

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, featuring eight breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend special **Welcome** and **Farewell Receptions** and **Dinners** as well as a **Graduation Ceremony**.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

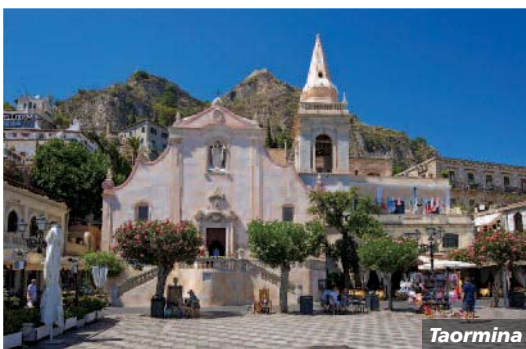
Your Exciting Travel Program

(For details, see the day-by-day itinerary.)

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- **All excursions:**
 - Explore Palermo and its architecture.
 - Admire the mosaics of Monreale's Santa Maria la Nuova.
 - Sample olive oil at a family-owned farm.
 - Tour Segesta and see its Doric temple.
 - Visit Cefalù and its famous cathedral.
 - Discover Agrigento's glorious temples.
 - Stroll through Taormina and see the well-preserved Greek theater.
 - Explore the ancient ruins of Syracuse.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Travel Director**.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet



eastern coast of Sicily. Marvel at the town's palazzi, 14th- and 15th-century palaces and striking view of the seacoast. See the ancient theater of Taormina, which still is in use today.

Cultural Event and Local Flavor:

Sicilian Cuisine. Bring home new culinary skills thanks to a private pizza-making lesson with a local chef. Then enjoy a pizza lunch.

Independent Exploration: The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure.

DAY EIGHT

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SYRACUSE

Educational Focus: *Syracuse, Queen of All Towns.* Syracuse once was the most powerful of Greece's colonies, and it remained one of the world's most vital cities for more than 1,000 years.

Excursion: *Syracuse.* Travel to historic Syracuse on the island of Ortygia and explore its Old Town, a showcase of baroque and medieval architecture. Stroll the elegant Piazza del Duomo and enter the Duomo, built on the site of the Temple of Athena. Continue to the Archaeological Park, home of ancient ruins.

DAY NINE

B | D

TAORMINA

Independent Exploration: Spend your last day in Italy at leisure.

Tonight, recount your Sicilian adventure with your fellow travelers during a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

DAY TEN

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IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer[†] to the Catania airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

NOTE: Itinerary subject to change. Some excursions on this program may involve an element of walking.

Included meals indicated each day as B | L | D = Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner.

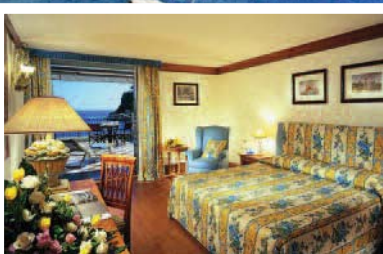
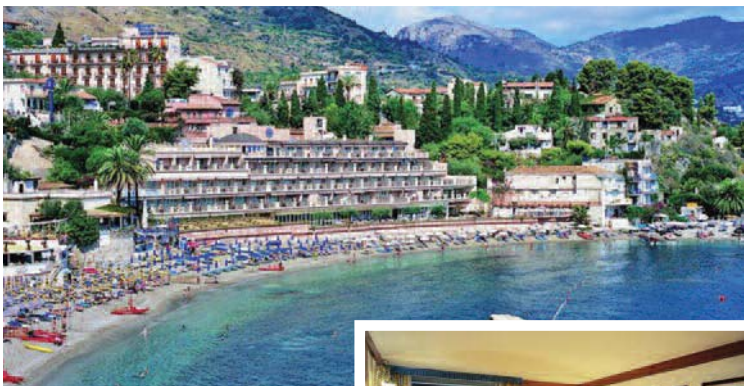
ACCOMMODATIONS

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Nestled in the heart of the city, this first-class hotel is ideally close to local shops and other places of interest. Return from sightseeing to relax in the sauna, unwind with a workout in the fully-equipped fitness center or chat with new friends in the cozy lounge. Savor culinary delights in the hotel's restaurants, then retire to the comforts of your guest room. Each is tastefully appointed with satellite TV, a minibar and other amenities designed to ensure your comfort. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

GRAND HOTEL MAZZARÒ SEA PALACE | TAORMINA



Set on the edge of Baia di Mazzarò, the Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace offers impeccable views of the coast. The bay, one of the most treasured areas of Taormina, is the perfect place to enjoy water sports. However,

you also may choose to relax on the hotel's private beach. Other amenities include a fitness center, a spa, a seawater pool, a restaurant and a piano bar. Each guest room boasts sophisticated finishes and modern conveniences. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



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Departure City

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Land Program

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